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Edwards Research Site excels in IG inspection

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EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Edwards Research Site was inspected for a week this summer in a formal military process called a Unit Compliance Inspection.

According to Col. Mike Heil, Director, AFRL Propulsion Directorate, at its headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, "the AFRL IG team conducted their most extensive and thorough inspection to date, inspecting 34 areas." The Edwards Research Site and its personnel, he continued, "had an impressive 92 percent compliance rate."

The facility's personnel have a mission providing the Air Force and the nation with future rocket propulsion technologies. The IG inspection covered the essential activities that keep the research and development process on track and coordinated with the rest of the Air Force, and in turn, the many customers served by the facilities' technology advances. They are the processes that help the facility manage, on a daily basis, the resources and programs that provide the greatest benefit for the taxpayer's investment.

On June 16, 2003, the 18-member inspection team, led by Col. Phil Mykytiuk of AFRL Headquarters, Inspector General Office, arrived at the site. The team member's expertise in military affairs, finance, equipment management, foreign disclosure, international affairs, records management, information technology, safety, explosive safety, security, and force protection enabled them to examine the processes and record keeping practices of AFRL's Propulsion Directorate personnel.

The IG team also identified top performers, Ephane Dubose, Ken Gurley, Lori Williams, 1st Lt. Lisa Welmers, and Tech. Sgt. Tony Dorado. The Outstanding Team was the facilities Security Team composed of T.J. Turner, Karen Rose, Heidi Meyer and Darrell Rhoden.

The results of the unit compliance inspection show that the Edwards Research Site team's practices meet the highest standards of the Air Force and the laboratory. @